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Midnight kiss EARRINGS



Use circular netting to make a pair of beautiful, beaded earrings

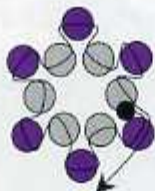


MAKERSmethod

For instructions on using jump rings, please see Basics on pages 106-107



1 Thread your needle with just over 1 metre of beading thread. Pick up 6 seed beads and tie into a circle leaving about a 15 cm tail. Take your needle through the circle again and through the next 2 beads.



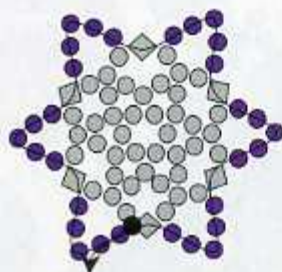
2 Pick up a seed bead and then go through the next bead in the ring; repeat around the circle exiting through the first bead added in this step.



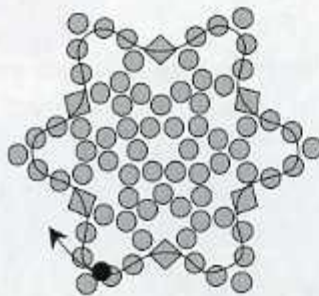
3 Pick up 3 seed beads and go through the next bead from step 2. Repeat around the circle then go through all the step 3 beads again to strengthen the earring. Exit through the 2nd bead added in this step.



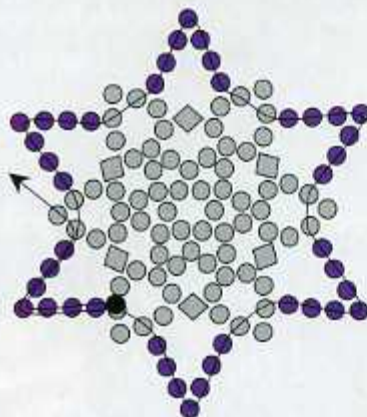
4 Pick up 1 seed bead, followed by a crystal, then another seed bead and go through the 2nd bead added in step 3 (the points of the star). Repeat around the circle and then go around the circle again for strength and to firm up the earring. Exit through the 1st crystal added.



5 Pick up 5 seed beads then go through the next crystal. Repeat around the circle exiting the 2nd bead added in this step.



6 We are now going to make the star's points pointier! Go around the circle again BUT missing out the bead at each point (go through seed beads 1, 2, 4, 5 and crystal) pulling the thread firmly to make the points (you may have to help the points of the star with your needle). Exit the 4th bead added in step 5.



7 Pick up 7 seed beads and go through the 2nd bead of the next point, miss out the 3rd bead (the point) and go through the 4th bead. Repeat around the circle exiting the 3rd bead added in step 5 (the point).

Stopping after rows 4 or 7 will give you earrings with a different look



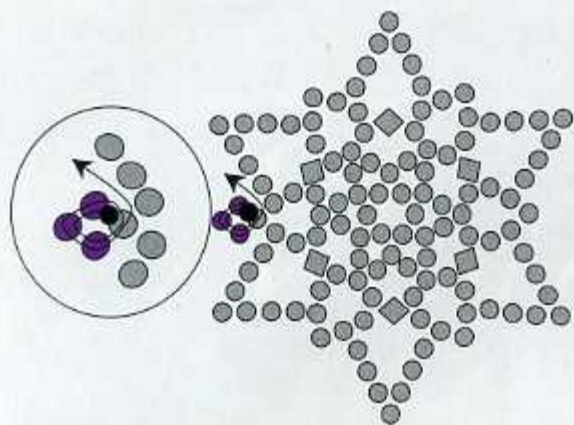
BEADstore

- ◆ Approx. 4g size 11 seed beads
- ◆ 12 x 4mm crystals
- ◆ Pair of earring findings
- ◆ 2 small jump rings
- ◆ 2 crimp beads
- ◆ Needle and beading thread
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Flat or chain nose pliers, 2 pairs

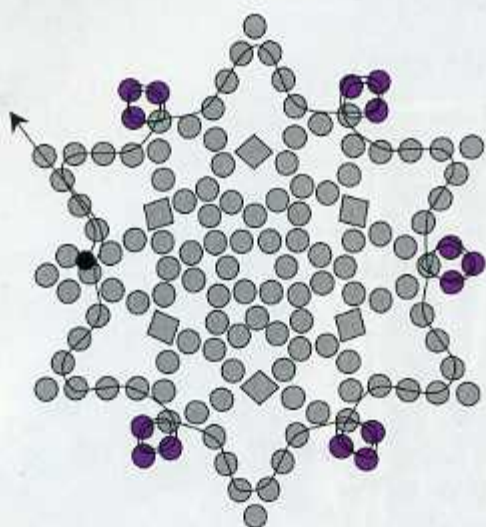
DESIGNnote

The black dot on each diagram is where you will begin each round





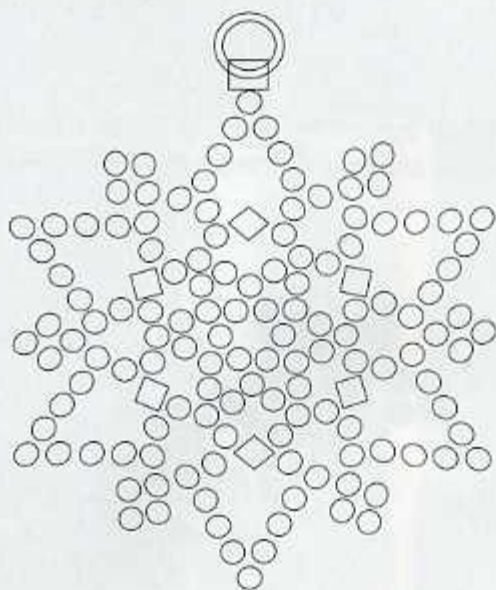
8 We are now going to add some twiddly bits to the small points and make the large points pointier. Pick up 3 seed beads and go through your start bead again; go through all 4 beads again for strength. Exit through your start bead.



9 Go through the 1st, 2nd, 3rd 5th, 6th and 7th beads of the 1st large point (missing out the bead at the apex) then jump to the top of the next mini point and repeat steps 8 and 9 until you have completed the circle. Exit the apex bead of a large point.



10 Thread a crimp bead onto each jump ring and make sure the ring is securely closed. Thread through the crimp bead and circle back through your seed bead. Repeat this 3 to 5 times to secure. If your star needs to be a little firmer weave your thread through all the outside beads until it becomes too difficult then finish off by weaving the thread towards the centre of the star, making little knots on the way, then snip off the thread. Weave the tail into the earring in the same way.



11 Attach the jump ring to the ear wire and sit back and admire your beautiful earring before making a matching one.



Add a touch of drama and sparkle by combining crystals and seed beads



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